

Applicant: Dan Mielke, et al
Serial No. 09/760,314
November 25, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Examiner's Advisory Action.

Claims 35-41 are presently pending before the Office. Claims 19 and 20 were withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.142(b). Examiner has rejected claims 1-10, 12 and 21-27. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's statement in previous Office Actions including the most recent Advisory Action that claims 11 and 13-18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. These claims were rewritten as claims 28 through 34 in a previous response to the Examiner's Final Office Action and no comment was made in the ensuing Advisory Action. In accordance with a telephone interview with the Examiner on November 20, 2003, these claims have been cancelled and rewritten as claims 35-41, and allowance is earnestly requested for these claims. Claims 1-18 and 21-34 have been cancelled herein without prejudice in order to bring this application to allowance.

NEW MATTER REJECTION

Relying on 35 U.S.C. §132, the Examiner has required the cancellation of the additions to the specification and drawings regarding Figures 5 and 6 as being new matter which is not supported by the original disclosure. It has been submitted that the additional description and drawings generally describe a particular embodiment properly described in the original specification and claims. As stated in the previous response, Figures 5 and 6, now withdrawn, merely illustrate the final product of the method as described in the original claims after it has

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been performed. However, the amendment to the text and the added drawings have been withdrawn herein without prejudice in order to bring this application in condition for allowance.

OBVIOUSNESS REJECTION

Applicant believes its arguments presented in the prior responses to Examiner's Office Actions are viable and with merit. However, in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the changes have been made pursuant to the Examiner's comments. It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Even though the initial claims in this important patent application were drawn to a new, useful and nonobvious invention, they were amended to increase their specificity of language. Cancellation of claims has now been made without prejudice. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 35-41 are patentable over the art of record.

A Notice of Allowance for all of the claims submitted herein is earnestly solicited.

If the Office is not fully persuaded as to the merits of Applicant's position, or if an Examiner's Amendment would place the pending claims in condition for allowance, a telephone call to the undersigned at (954) 763-3303 would be appreciated.

If there are any additional charges, including extension of time, please bill our Deposit Account No. 13-1130.

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